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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/534,160

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FOR: 2'-O-TRISUBSTITUTED SILYLOXYMETHYL-RIBONUCLEOSIDE-DERIVATIVE AND METHOD FOR PREPARING THE SAME

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

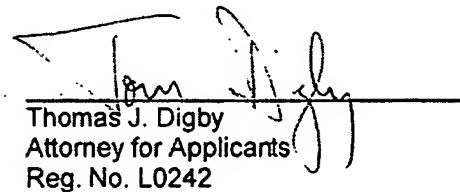
Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated January 11, 2008 finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 17.

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$500 for payment of the appeal fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.
- The appeal fee was paid in a previous appeal herein. The examiner re-opened prosecution prior to any decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. No fee is now due.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

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